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| <b>Notice of Allowability</b> | <b>Application No.</b>    | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
|                               | 10/797,634                | EASTMAN ET AL.      |  |
|                               | Examiner<br>Karl D. Frech | Art Unit<br>2876    |  |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to the submission of 2/22/07.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Claims 1-27 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's arguments presented in the Appeal Brief filed 2/22/07 are deemed persuasive. Specifically, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, in conjunction with ALL the other limitations of the independent claims, "a locked state to an armed state responsive to a key" as in independent claim 1; "(a) urging a deposit holding container to slide adjacent a bracket of an automated banking machine, ... wherein the container includes a locking mechanism ... in an armed state, ... (b) urging with a first portion of the automated banking machine the locking mechanism to change to a locked state responsive to (a);" as in independent claim 16; the chest with the generally L-shaped outer contour including an upper face with an opening therethrough, an acceptor device positioned above the shorter portion an operative to move items through the opening as in independent claim 24; or the locking mechanism to change from the first state to a second state, wherein with the locking mechanism in the second state the door will be held closed by the locking mechanism when the door is next moved to the closed position and subsequently urging the container to slide out of the chest and then urging through engagement with a portion of the automated banking machine, the door of the deposit holding container to move from the open position to the closed position, wherein when the door has moved to the closed position, the locking mechanism in the second

state prevents the door from thereafter moving from the closed position to the open position as in independent claim 25.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl D. Frech whose telephone number is (571) 272-2390. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's email address is [karl.frech@uspto.gov](mailto:karl.frech@uspto.gov). The examiner can normally be reached on maxiflex.

If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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